

# GNCKYFL BY-LAWS 2016

*Bracken County Tigers*

*Switzerland County Pacers*

*Gallatin County Wildcats*

*Grant County Braves*

*Owen County Rebel*

*Pendleton County Wildcats*

## **THE G.N.C.K.Y.F.L. was ESTABLISHED IN 2003**

*(originally began as the North Central Kentucky Youth Football League, but on October 1, 2012 the directors voted to change the name in order to license the name with the State of Kentucky. )*

## **By-laws and Rules of the Greater North Central Kentucky Youth Football League, Inc.**

### **ARTICLE I**

**Name:** Greater North Central Kentucky Youth Football League is the name of the organization, hereinafter referred to as GNCKYFL. The organization was founded in 2003. The GNCKYFL is the governing body of the following: Bracken County Youth Football, Gallatin County Youth Football, Grant County Youth Football, Owen County Youth Football, and Pendleton County Youth Football.

### **A. LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

1. The governing body of the GNCKYFL is the League Directors from each county/team along with the appointed GNCKYFL Representatives/President & Director.
2. The League Directors are voted in or chosen by their respective county/team or by vote of the current League Directors.
3. All teams/organizations will abide by the By-Laws set forth by the GNCKYFL. The GNCKYFL By-Laws supersede any individual team/organization By-Laws and/or rules.
4. The GNCKYFL will not tolerate any conduct by a Director, Coach, Player, or Parent (Family) that is considered by the GNCKYFL to be detrimental to the league. The GNCKYFL directors have the authority to dismiss any said person(s) from being a part of the GNCKYFL should the need arise.
5. The League Directors (or their designated representative) have the power to vote on matters brought before the GNCKYFL.
6. Each organization/county may not have more than one vote unless that county has more than one group of teams playing in the league (i.e. Grant Co. had a Blue and Gold set of teams with a director for each group, which gave them two votes). If unable to break a tie, the President will be the tie breaking vote (see page 2 Section F).
7. A Quorum will consist of one (1) more than half (1/2) of the voting directors (or designated representatives) at a league meeting. If there is a tie the issue at hand will become dead.
8. There will be at least one (1) meeting of the League Directors designated for prior to the start of each playing season and at least (1) meeting at the close of each playing season, at the date and time set by the President.
9. NO Alcohol will be allowed after the start of any league meeting and will last until adjournment.
10. GNCKYFL governs all organizations.
11. No child fitting the age, weight, territory and code of conduct will be denied the right to participate in the GNCKYFL as long as they sign up within the time frame for that season.

## B. LEAGUE DIRECTORS

1. League Directors will be responsible to see that they themselves (or a designated representative) are at every meeting called by the GNCKYFL. (If this rule is not complied with, the organization will lose voting rights at the meeting where they have no representation as well as the following meeting.)
2. League Directors will be responsible for the actions of all persons within their organization. The GNCKYFL does recognize that some counties/teams may have appointed Presidents for their organization and reserve the right to hold them responsible as well.
3. The League Directors are responsible for the equipment required at home games, i.e. game balls in good condition, down markers, chains, copy of rules, copies of rosters of players/cheerleaders.
4. League Directors will see to it that all scores and play time forms are emailed to the league president no later than the Monday proceeding game.
5. League Directors are responsible to contact the League Director/Assigner and advise him or her of any changes of regular scheduled games or changes, such as postponed or rained-out games, and give all new information for rescheduling.
6. League Directors and all GNCKYFL Representatives will have full authority to stop any unpleasant uprisings (on and off the field) of a fan, player, coach, assistant coach, or referee, if, in their judgment, one's conduct is detrimental to the League. Said offenders will be subject to action in accordance with the League Disciplinary policy (see page 11-12)
7. When playing home games League Directors will be responsible to see that all referees are paid for their time.
8. League Directors are responsible for making sure, in a timely manner, background checks are done on anyone in their organization that has contact with the children. This includes all coaches and other volunteers. They should be prepared to present the required background check for any/all coaches should the GNCKYFL ask to see it. Anyone associated with the league is subject to random drug testing.
9. League Directors are responsible to send their organizations roster information, by the date requested each season, to the GNCKYFL President for League Weigh-ins to be logged.

## C. COACHING STAFFS- Duties and Responsibilities

1. Coaches will carry themselves above reproach and will be of the highest caliber.
2. Head Coaches are required to attend the Annual League Meeting dealing with the updated League Rules and updated Kentucky High School Rules. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You must have at least one (1) representative per division/team. Any team that does not have representation will forfeit any post season play. **\*This rule will be strictly enforced.**
3. Coaches will not be allowed to use foul language, drink alcoholic beverages, participate in drug abuse, or display foul gestures as deemed by the league during any league scheduled event.
4. Head Coaches will be responsible for the action of all assistant coaches and players on their team, at all times.
5. All Coaches will be required to sign and abide by the rules listed on the GNCKYFL Coaches Code of Conduct Form and are required to pass a background check.
6. Coaches are required to abide by the League Playing Rules, which will be provided to them.

## F. ORGANIZATIONS

1. All Organizations must agree to abide by all the rules and By-Laws set forth by the GNCKYFL. The director from each organization will sign the required **League Contract To Participate** in the GNCKYFL prior to the start of each season. A **league fee of \$250** per organization will be paid at the time of the signing of the **League Contract To Participate**.
2. THE LEAGUE FEES will be used to pay the annual NKOAA scheduling fee per county, purchasing Super Bowl Trophies, Coach of the Year Trophy, End of Season All-Star Powerhouse Tournament Fee, over the weight limit helmet stickers, the supplies for the coaching sideline badges, CPA fee for annual taxes, and other league appropriate expenditures deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
3. Each Organization will appoint an active League Director to represent them within the League.
4. Each Organization will see that each team entered in the League will have coaches of the highest caliber in every division.
5. Each Organization must be able to maintain the supervision of their crowds. In the event that a problem exists, that is not in the best interest of the League, either the League Directors or any League Officer will have the authority to stop the game until the problem is corrected or persons removed from the premises.
6. Each Organization may carry as many players on a team as it wishes, however they must abide to the league cut-off dates for new players.
7. All Organizations will lose voting rights for the meeting following any meeting missed as well as the missed meeting should a League Director or County Representative not be present.
8. Each Organization will be responsible for the marking of fields (according to the Rules of Football) to be played on in their area.
9. All Organizations will be required to play all scheduled or rescheduled games at the times and places designated by the Home Team and this time and place must also be arbitrated by the President of the GNCKYFL with a twenty-four (24) hour notice.
10. In event of a forfeit, a fine of two hundred fifty-dollars (\$250.00) per team can be awarded to the organization affected by the forfeit, if, in judgment of the GNCKYFL Directors, the forfeiture could have been avoided.
11. Any Organization failing to pay fines by the next regular League meeting will lose their voting power until payment is made.
12. If the need should arise that a team may need use of another field (outside their normal home field or territory), it is required that you must contact the GNCKYFL President.

## G. LEAGUE

1. The League will post the season schedule on the League official website (once one is established) or disperse via email to the League Directors. Each Organization will be responsible for printing and distributing copies.
2. The League will furnish each Organization copies of the Official League Weigh-Ins, and League By-Laws and/or Playing Rules. Each Organization will be responsible for printing and distributing copies to the appropriate members.
3. The League will conduct an Official League Weigh-In and will give all necessary information needed to each organization.

## H. ORGANIZATION STATUS:

1. New Organizations may only be admitted into the League if they receive two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the existing organizations in the League and providing a vacancy exists in the League, and that the League has the facilities to handle the new organization(s), and providing that the proposed new organization does not intend to be located and draw players from the same territory as an existing organization in the League.
2. Removal from the GNCKYFL can occur if:  
No representation for 3 consecutive meetings in one calendar year.  
Cannot field teams in all divisions on a regular basis unless approved by 2/3 majority vote of all league directors. You must have teams in at least 2 divisions in order to even be considered to join the GNCKYFL.  
Organizational conduct detrimental to the GNCKYFL.  
Organization does not follow a directive issued by the GNCKYFL.  
Removal requires at least a 2/3 vote of all League Directors.

## J. ORGANIZATION'S COLORS:

The following jersey colors of the respective teams as listed are hereby established, and any teams wishing to change to another color must get approval of the majority of the Board to do so.

1. Gallatin County	Blue & White	Wildcats
2. Grant County	Navy & Gold	Braves
3. Owen County	Maroon, Black, & White	Rebels
4. Pendleton County	Red, Black, & White	Wildcats
5. Bracken County	Blue, Black, & White	Tigers
6. Switzerland County	Orange & Black	Pacers

## K. LEAGUE RULES (the below is supplied to each official and head coach)

**\*Any violation of the rules will be reviewed by the League Directors. Penalties from any violation could result in suspension from game and/or forfeiture of game.**

## I. GENERAL RULES

1. The league will consist of teams from the following:  
Bracken County, Gallatin County, Grant County, Owen County, & Pendleton County
2. The league will be composed of the following divisions:  
*Midgets are K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders (Under 8); Mighty Pros are 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders (Under 10); and Powerhouse are 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders (Under 12)*  
*\*The league voted in June of '08 to go by grade first followed by age when determining player placement. You cannot be 8+ before June 1<sup>st</sup> and play for the Midgets. You cannot be 10+ before June 1<sup>st</sup> and play for the Mighty Pros, and you cannot be 12+ before June 1<sup>st</sup> and play for the Powerhouse.*
3. All teams/organizations will abide by the By-Laws set forth by the GNCKYFL. The GNCKYFL By-Laws supersede any individual team/organization By-Laws and/or rules.
4. The GNCKYFL will not tolerate any conduct by a Director, Coach, Player, or Parent (Family) that is considered by the GNCKYFL to be detrimental to the league. The GNCKYFL directors have the authority to dismiss any said person(s) from being a part of the GNCKYFL should the need arise.
5. All games will be played on Sundays. Make-up games are the exception to this rule and they will be re-scheduled by the GNCKYFL Representative/Assigner, NKOAA Scheduler, and the directors for the teams having to re-schedule.
6. THE GNCKYFL will abide by the KHSAA's guidelines regarding the Heat Index and follow their scales to determine whether practice or games should be altered or eliminated based on the heat index. The

NKOA representatives who are scheduled the day of the game will make the call from the home game field whether to play or not.

- Each team will play every player 8 plays per game (*either on offense or defense*). Play Time Forms will be filled out, signed, and turned in every Monday following that weekend's game to the League President. Coaching Consequences for breaking this rule are listed in GNCKYFL By-Laws and in COACHES CODE OF ETHICS CONTRACT.

- Admission to the games will be as follows:

Family-\$5.00 Adult-\$2.00 Student-\$1.00 Non-student child—FREE

**\*FAMILY IS DEFINED AS: 2 adults and 3 kids**

- GAME LOCATIONS:**

**BRACKEN COUNTY-** Bracken County High School

**GALLATIN COUNTY-** Gallatin County High School

**GRANT COUNTY—**Grant County High School

**OWEN COUNTY—**Owen County Elementary (the old high school)

**PENDLETON COUNTY—**Pendleton County Athletic Park (behind McDonalds)

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY –** 1020 West Main St. Vevay, IN

## **II. COACHES & DIRECTORS:**

**ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY VOTE OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS or authorized LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES.**

### **2015 LEAGUE DIRECTORS & REPRESENTATIVES**

- Bracken County- Gary Norton
- Gallatin County- Dwyane Wood
- Grant County- Brian Hunley
- Owen County- Tony Curtis
- Pendleton County- Karen Davis
- Switzerland County – Mike Dawson
- GNCKYFL Vice President- Jamie Johnson
- GNCKYFL President- Sam Hammond

- Coaches & League Directors must have the league issued ID Badges in order to get into the games free of charge and to be on the playing field. **ABSOLUTELY NO ONE** is permitted on the playing field or sidelines without a league issued badge!
- The League Directors are always allowed on the field and are not included in the coaching limit.
- It is recommended that the League Directors be present for all games; however it is imperative that the **Home Field League Director always be present.**
- There will be a limit of the number of badges issued to each county/team. You are allowed six (6) coaches per team and two (2) cheer coaches per squad. The league directors as well as the cheer directors from each county will also be issued a badge.
- All coaches will be required to sign a GNCKYFL Coaching Code of Conduct Form and are required to pass a background check conducted by their county. Players, Coaches, and Board Members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner at all times.
- If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they will receive a one game suspension. They will not be permitted to play or coach in the next game and a \$25 fine will be assessed.
- Should a coach or anyone person(s) associated with the GNCKYFL receive a formal written letter regarding misconduct from the GNCKYFL it will be the only warning they receive. Any misconduct after that formal written letter has been sent will result in that person(s) being removed from further participation with the GNCKYFL.

- At the beginning of each season the League will hold a **Mandatory Coaching/Referee meeting**. The GNCKYFL would like all coaches present. To reiterate, this is a **mandatory meeting for the directors and head coaches of each team in each division of play**. Any team that does not have a coach and director/assistant director present will forfeit any post season play. **\*This rule will be strictly enforced.**

### III. **PLAYERS:**

- Once a player registers to play with their middle school and school starts, they are no longer eligible to play for the youth league. The purpose of this rule is to keep grade ineligible players from being able to come back and play for the youth league.)
- You must play for the County in which you live or the County of the school that you are enrolled in if they have a football team. Bracken County may not pull players from Pendleton County; however they may pull from the surrounding counties that are not a part of the GNCKYFL. Those players who have been previously enrolled with the GNCKYFL and are playing outside their county may continue playing with that team. These players will be grandfathered in and this rule does not apply to any players who have played prior to the 2012 season. All new players must abide by this ruling.

### IV. **PARENTS:**

- Non-Coaching Parents are prohibited from being on the playing field or sidelines.

### V. **GENERAL GAME RULES** (for all divisions):

- 2015 Practice Schedule: July 13<sup>th</sup> can start practice with helmets only and on July 20<sup>th</sup> you can practice fully dressed out.**
- All players will be required to participate in ten (10) practices before they may play in a game.
- The Midgets and Mighty Pro teams will use the K-2 size footballs and the Powerhouse teams will use the TDJ size.
- All players will be required to have a current physical on file with their county, an athletic supporter and an attached colored mouthpiece in order to play. **\*Physicals must be turned in by August 1<sup>st</sup> or the child cannot participate until one is one file.**
- Legal cleat size is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Any players with illegal cleats will be removed from the game until they have made the proper adjustments.
- Visiting team's bench will always be on the opposite side of the field away from the home team's fans.
- There will be 2-3 paid officials for all games.
- There will be no questioning a referee on any judgment call. The head coach (and only the head coach) may question a ruling.
- Should a game result in a **forfeit**...the referees will be paid by the county/team that caused or was the result of the forfeit.
- All players will be weighed in by League Officials before the start of each season. Players will weigh-in with their **full uniform** on. Players of (greater than 85.0, 110.0, and 140.0 and over) will have an **ORANGE STICKER** placed on their helmet. **\*There will be no re-weighs! Once a player steps on the scale and off they are DONE. A PLAYER CAN ONLY BE WEIGHED ONE (1) time. August 8, 2015 is the League Cut-Off for weigh-ins.** Should a child have a vacation scheduled during this time, they will have to be weighed in sometime **prior** to the scheduled league weigh-ins. **NO PLAYER** will be weighed after the official weigh-ins. **All players not weighed will have the ORANGE STICKER regardless of their size.**
- If a player is not weighed in they will automatically receive an ORANGE sticker on their helmet. **AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to add new players** to your rosters for the 2015 season.
- A player with an ORANGE STICKER cannot play the following positions: Quarterback, Running Back, Half Back, Full Back, Slot Back, Tight End, H-Back, or Wide Receiver.

13. Any player with an ORANGE STICKER who receives possession of the football, be it a fumble (while on offense), punt, kick-off, etc. may not advance the ball. The ball will be whistled dead at the point of possession. However, a player with an ORANGE sticker who is on defense may advance an interception or a fumble.
14. **OVERWEIGHT** players (with ORANGE stickers) may not line up outside of the free blocking zone. (**"free blocking zone" according to the Federal High School Rules-Rule 2, Section 17 Article 1: The free blocking zone extends from 4 yards to the right and left of the ball.**)
15. Each team will play every player 8 plays per game (*either on offense or defense*). Play Time Forms will be filled out, signed, and turned in every Monday following that weekend's game. There will be strict consequences for not following this rule.
16. All Divisions will play 8 minute regulation quarters. Half-time will be 8 minutes in length.
17. If a team during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half obtains a 25 point lead a **CONTINUOUS CLOCK** will be used. The only time the clock will be stopped will be for timeouts and if there is an injured player.
18. **OVER TIMES** will be decided by allowing each team four (4) opportunities to score from the ten yard line. Should neither team score, they will be allowed one (1) more set of four (4) opportunities to score from the ten yard line. If there is still no score, the third and final attempt will result in each team having four (4) opportunities to score from the 5 yard line. After these three (3) sets, if no one scores the game will end in a tie.
19. **NO ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES** of any kind to be used during game.

## **VI. OFFENSIVE GAMES RULES:**

1. There will be a three (3) **TOUCHDOWN RULE** (18 points). When a team is ahead by three (3) touchdowns (during the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> half) they are required to pull their starting Offensive team. If they do not have enough players to pull their complete Offensive team, they **MUST** pull their complete Backfield. Your 1<sup>st</sup> string Receivers, Tight-ends, Backfield, etc. are not allowed to touch the ball. If for whatever reason they are still in the game and they receive possession of the ball it will become a dead ball. This rule will be in affect during the regular season games as well as Play-offs and Super Bowl.
2. **EXTRA POINTS** Offensive Rules will go as follows: If you run/pass the ball in it will count as one (1) point. If you kick the ball through the goal post it will count as two (2) points.  
**NO RUSHING THE KICK.** The defensive line is allowed to raise their arms but jumping is not permitted. If the defensive team violates the rushing rule, the penalty will be half the distance from the goal-line and replay the conversion. If there is a bad snap and the player has to get up to get the ball it will be a dead ball.
3. If **FIELD GOALS** are attempted the same rules for the Extra Point are applied. THEY ARE WORTH 3 points. **NO RUSHING THE KICK.** Defensive line may raise their arms, but jumping is not permitted.
4. **If your option is to KICK then you must KICK.**
5. Huddle time will be 30 seconds or less from ready to snap.

## **VII. DEFENSIVE GAME RULES:**

1. The only Defensive Linemen that can be standing are your Defensive Ends and they must be outside the Offensive Tackles. All other linemen must be in a 3pt or 4pt stance. 'Doesn't apply to goal line defense (Inside the 10 yard line ONLY.) **\*If a violation of this rule occurs there will be a five (5) yard penalty assessed and an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down. Officials will enforce this rule.**
2. All Linebackers and Defensive Backs must be a minimum of three (3) yards off the ball. **You CANNOT have more than six (6) Defensive Linemen on the line at any given time.** 'Doesn't apply to goal line defense (Inside the 10 yard line ONLY.)
3. **EXTRA POINTS** Defensive Rules will go as follows: **NO RUSHING.** Defensive line may raise arms, but jumping is not permitted.

4. If the Defensive team violates the rushing rule, the penalty should be half the distance from the goal-line and re-play the conversion. .
5. If **FIELD GOALS** are attempted these same rules for the Extra Point are applied. (Please refer to #3 of this section-Defensive Game Rules-) **NO RUSHING**. Field Goals are **worth 3 points**.
6. Defensive Backs may rush the Passer if he goes outside the Tackles.
7. **NO BLITZING at any level is allowed. All Linebackers and Corners must be a minimum of 3 yards off the line of scrimmage when the offensive unit is set and/or when the ball is snapped. Any defensive unit violating this rule will receive a 5 yard penalty and AUTOMATIC 1<sup>st</sup> Down. (Doesn't apply to goal line defense (inside the 10 yard line only).**

## VIII. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES:

### A. MIDGETS:

1. Games will begin at 1:30 PM.
2. WEIGHT LIMIT on the Offensive Backfield is 85.0 pounds.
3. Two (2) coaches may be on the field during live play, but those coaches must stay 10 yards back (whether on Offense or Defense) from the deepest player when the offensive team breaks the huddle. Coaches will get one warning when in violation of this rule. They may risk their field privileges for the game should they continue the infraction.
4. No KICK-OFFS. Ball will start on the 40 yard line.  
PUNTS will be an automatic 20 yards.
5. NOT ALLOWED to play a defender over the CENTER. (NO NOSEGUARD). No defensive tackle can line up in the "A" gap when the ball is snapped. "A" gap is defined as the area between the offensive center and the offensive guard.
6. You **CANNOT** turn 8 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### B. MIGHTY PROS:

1. Games will begin at 3:00 PM.
2. WEIGHT LIMIT on the Offensive Backfield is 110.0 pounds.
3. One (1) Coach may be on the field during live plays, but that coach must stay 10 yards back (whether on offense or defense) from the deepest player when the offense team breaks the huddle. Coaches will get one warning when in violation of this rule. They may risk their field privileges for the game should they continue the infraction.
4. KICK-OFFS will be at the 40 yard line.
5. On a 4<sup>th</sup> down a team may go for the first down or punt. There will be no rushing the kicker. The ball once kicked however will be a live ball. **THERE WILL BE NO FAKE PUNTS!** May take option of 20 yard punt.
6. You **CANNOT** turn 10 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### C. POWERHOUSE:

1. Games will begin at 4:30 PM.
2. WEIGHT LIMIT on the Offensive Backfield is 140.0 pounds.
3. NO Coaches may be on the field during live plays.
4. KICK-OFFS will be at the 40 yard line.
5. On a 4<sup>th</sup> down a team may go for the first down or punt. There will be NO RUSHING the Kicker. The ball once kicked however will be a live ball. **THERE WILL BE NO FAKE PUNTS!**
6. You **CANNOT** turn 12 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **IX. PRE & POST SEASON PLAY:**

1. **JAMBOREE** is the Saturday before the start of the season where official league weigh-ins will be conducted. The rotation for hosting this big day will be:
    - 1- Grant Co.
    - 2- Gallatin Co. (hosts in 2015)
    - 3- Pendleton Co.
    - 4- Owen Co.
    - 5- Bracken Co.
  2. End of the season Play-Off Teams will be determined by Season Record. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> seed teams will not play. Season Record ties will be determined by:
    - 1<sup>st</sup>: Head-to-Head Play
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Team allowing the least points in Head-to-Head Play
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Head-to-Head team allowing the least points scored against them overall during the season.
  3. Play-Off games will rotate each year as follows:
    - 1<sup>st</sup>: Grant County
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pendleton County (hosts in 2015)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Owen County
    - 4<sup>th</sup>: Gallatin County
    - 5<sup>th</sup>: Bracken County

\*Should another county/team join the league, they will be added to the end of this rotation.
  4. Super Bowl games will rotate each year as follows:
    - 1<sup>st</sup>: Pendleton County
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Owen County (hosts in 2015)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bracken County
    - 4<sup>th</sup>: Grant County
    - 5<sup>th</sup>: Gallatin County

\*Should another county/team join the league, they will be added to the end of this rotation.
  5. During the PLAY-OFFS there will be a minimum of four (4) referees for all games.
  6. There will be four (4) referees for all SUPER BOWL games.
  7. The GNCKYFL is responsible for purchasing the SUPER BOWL trophies, which include a Championship Trophy and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up for each division. Directors voted that beginning with the 2014 season to purchase individual trophies for all championship teams instead of MVP trophies.
  8. The League Directors will vote at the end of each season on whom they feel is the **“GNCKYFL COACH OF THE YEAR”**. Each county/team will pay \$10 toward purchasing this trophy, which will be included in their league fee. This award is for one coach overall.
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## **L. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS or CHEATING:**

1. All League Directors and Head Coaches are responsible for reviewing each player's information for accuracy and validating appropriate grade and age in conformance with the league rules and By-Laws.
2. Any team player or member of this league found to have an ineligible player or found to be cheating the rules and By-Laws of this league, will forfeit all previous games won (that resulted from this violation) and will be punished in accordance to the findings of the Governing body. These findings could result in banishment from the league, fines, or probation of any person or organizations affiliated with the league.

#### **M. PROTESTS:**

1. During a game, if a head coach wishes to protest a call or ask for any explanations, it may be done in the following manner:
  - a. the Head Coach may take a charged time-out to obtain an opinion from the official or officials, but in any case, they will abide by that decision.
  - b. It is required that the Head Coach and only the Head Coach question an official(s).
- C. It is required that all coaches and their staffs conduct themselves professionally and do nothing by their actions that might give a bad example to the players or fans, nor bring disgrace upon the league.

#### **M. PROTESTS continued:**

2. The league, or any team in the league, through its duly authorized representative, may protest the violation of the league rule or By-Laws by the league or a team coach, player, or sponsor. The protest must only pertain to the protest and not to a recommendation on the decision of the board. Protests concerning decisions on calls will automatically be denied.
3. Protests shall be in writing within forty eight (48) hours of infraction and shall be filed with the GNCKYFL. Upon receipt of a protest, the GNCKYFL shall call a special meeting with the League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives to hear the protest and make a ruling thereon.
4. The GNCKYFL at its special meeting shall hear the protest, and a decision will be made by a majority vote of the GNCKYFL members present. The decision of the GNCKYFL is FINAL.
5. The GNCKYFL may dismiss the filed protest, warn or censure a coach, forfeit a game or games involved in the protest, terminate a team's membership in the league, prohibit an individual to be associated with a team in the league, declare a player to be ineligible to play permanently or temporarily, or disqualify a team.
6. The decisions of the GNCKYFL shall be in writing and signed by all members of the Board present and in agreement therewith. A copy of the decision shall be mailed to the affected parties and coaches.

#### **N. FINAL:**

1. By-Laws and Rules cannot be altered or changed during the playing season.
2. Any changes made to these Rules and By-Laws must conform to the Roberts Rules of Order and any State Laws in effect at that time.
3. ALL THE RULES AND BY-LAWS SET FORTH BY THE GNCKYFL WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
4. All the above By-Laws are understood to also apply to all cheerleading squads and cheerleaders in the GNCKYFL including the fees for not showing up at games without prior approval. (fee of \$250 fined to team who forfeits game)

#### **O. G.N.C.K.Y.F.L. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

All individuals in attendance at GNCKYFL events or visiting the League official website (if they have one) will adhere to the GNCKYFL conduct and disciplinary policy as noted below and in the league contract. This includes any electronic communication (i.e. email, blog, message forum, etc.)

The GNCKYFL will not tolerate any conduct by a Director, Coach, Player, or Parent (family) that is considered by the GNCKYFL to be detrimental to the League. The following penalties may be assessed for any such conduct at any GNCKYFL game or function, or any conduct that in any way effects the overall reputation, spirit, and best interests of all participants in the GNCKYFL. Any such penalties:

- Will only be assessed following an official written complaint to the GNCKYFL League President, specifying the allegations and requesting action.

- Will be decided by the majority vote of League Directors/GNCKYFL Representatives at the next regularly scheduled league meeting, or at a special meeting if necessary. The League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives will decide the severity and/or duration of any penalty, and their vote is FINAL.
- Will be specific to the various participants, as follows:

#### **PARENTS:**

- Any parent may be prohibited from attending any number of future GNCKYFL games.
- The Organization may be held accountable and fined for the parent's conduct, if it determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) either condoned or encouraged such conduct.
- No penalty shall be levied against any other participant for a parent's conduct.

#### **PLAYERS:**

- Any player who is ejected from an GNCKYFL game is automatically suspended for their next scheduled league game, to include Play-Off games, Super Bowl, & All-Star games. This penalty will carry over from season to season.
- Any player who is ejected from two games, in any given season is automatically suspended for the remainder of that season, including the Play-Off games, Super Bowl, and All-Star games.

#### **COACHES:**

- Any coach who is ejected from an GNCKYFL game is automatically suspended for their next game, to include Play-Off games, Super Bowl, and All-Star games. This penalty will carry over from season to season.
- A coach may be suspended or relieved of his/her duties as a head coach for any number of future GNCKYFL games for conduct deemed unacceptable by the League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives. The number of games will be determined by the GNCKYFL officials and will be based on the severity of the infraction.
- The Organization may be held accountable and fined up to \$500 for the coach's conduct, if it is determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) tolerated, condoned, or encouraged such conduct.

#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:**

Any action against a League Director or Officer (as a director or officer or league representative) will be decided by the remaining Directors, as per GNCKYFL By-Laws.

- Any director or officer may be suspended from attending any number of future league meetings. The number of meetings will be determined by the remaining League Directors and officers and will be based on the severity of the infraction.
- The affected organization will be responsible for appointing a replacement for their League Director for any suspension period. Replacement of Officers for any suspension period will follow by the By-Law procedures.
- The applicable organization may be held accountable and fined up to \$500 for the director's conduct if it is determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) tolerated, condoned, or encouraged such conduct.

The above listed policy is designed to protect the best interests of all participants in the GNCKYFL. Any attempt to use it as a vehicle for any other purpose will be considered a gross violation of the policy and will be

dealt with severely. Any complaint that is filed that is considered to be frivolous or not in the spirit of the policy can and will generate disciplinary action as outlined above.

Any appeals regarding any penalties or suspensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives/Officers will rule on all appeals, by a majority vote, and their vote is FINAL.

**REMEMBER.....THIS IS YOUR LEAGUE, SO THE STRONGER THESE BY-LAWS AND RULES ARE ENFORCED AND FOLLOWED, THE MORE STABLE AND ACCOMPLISHED THE LEAGUE WILL BECOME.**